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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of: ) Atty. Docket No.: 47079-00117  
Shridhar P. Joshi ) ) Examiner: Alex P. Rada  
Application No.: 09/965,163 ) ) Group Art Unit: 3713  
Filed: September 27, 2001 )  
For: Gaming Machine With Sweepstakes )  
Entry Dispenser )

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by April 30, 2002, and this response is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of conducting a sweepstakes, comprising:  
conducting a game on a gaming machine, the game including random selection of a game outcome; and  
dispensing a sweepstakes entry from the gaming machine in response to predetermined criteria.